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Thursday January 23, 6:00 pm ET

Local Politicians, Venture Capitalists and Top Executives to Attend SiliconIran Award Ceremony and Entrepreneur Workshops

Mayor Willie Brown, Congressman Mike Honda, and Irwin Federman to Speak at Event Sponsored by Silicon Valley Bank, Manatt, Ernst & Young, Goldman Sachs, Global Catalyst Partners, Centillium Communications, Sun Man Engineering and Amidzad Networks of Investors

SAN JOSE, Calif., Jan. 23 /PRNewswire/ -- SiliconIran, the leading business and technology information source on the high-tech industry for Iranians in technology, will be holding its Second Annual SiliconIran Workshop & Excellence Awards Gala on February 7, 2003 at the Ritz Carlton in San Francisco. Over 300 participants are expected to attend the daylong event, which includes workshops throughout the day culminating in an evening awards program and celebration. San Francisco Mayor, Willie Brown will open the evening program.

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Silicon Valley Bank, Manatt, Ernst & Young, Goldman Sachs, Centillium Communications, Global Catalyst partners, Sun Man Engineering and Amidzad Networks of Investors are sponsoring the event. The event will not only celebrate the successes of Iranian-American entrepreneurs and top executives but will also teach entrepreneurs how to raise funds and achieve business success through workshops to be held earlier in the day, prior to the evening celebration. Congressman

Mike Honda is also scheduled to speak at the evening program.

"Events like the awards ceremony and the workshops have proven not only to be important to Iranian-Americans but have also proven to be beneficial to the high-tech community at large," said Susan Akbarpour, CEO and Co-founder of SiliconIran. "Iranian-Americans make up a significant percentage of high-level executives in the Bay Area and the contributions they have made have continued to be important to the high-tech world and to the Bay Area's economy on the whole. It is wonderful that such prestigious politicians, and executives continue to show their support by participating in our events."

It is anticipated that this year's event will be larger than last year's sold out event due to the workshops and prestigious speakers. The entrepreneurship workshops will be held throughout the day, which will include an entrepreneur breakfast workshop, a Venture Capitalist Networking Luncheon and numerous other workshops that will feature speakers such as Irwin Federman, Harry Kellogge, Fred Nazem, Kamran Elahian, Somshankar Das, and Faraj Aalaei, Shahin Hedayat, and Massih

To participate in the event please, visit:

<http://www.siliconiran.com/events/gala2003/index.shtml>.

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